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SUBJ: HUMANITARIAN CASES FROM GDR

REF: BERLIN 1529 AND PREVIOUS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCERNIBLE MOVEMENT ON PART
OF GDR ON HUMANITARIAN CASES US RAISED ON FRINGES OF JULY NEGOTIATIONS

ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. AMERICANS FIANCES WHO HAD HOPED NEGOTIONS
MIGHT RESULT IN FAVORABLE ACTION ON PART OF GDR ARE BEGINNING TO
QUERY MISSION AS TO STATUS THEIR CASES. PROMINENT BERLIN ATTORNEY
SPECIALIZING IN HUMANITARIAN CASES INFORMS US, MEANWHILE,
THAT ATTORNEY CHANNEL FOR ASSISTING SUCH MATTERS NOW CLOSED
AND IN HIS OPINION ONLY USG, BY CONTINUED PRESSURE ON GDR,
CAN DO ANYTHING TO HELP. HE IS EXPRESSING SAME VIEW TO
PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO APPROACH HIM FOR ASSISTANCE. MISSION
BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO MAKE RENEWED DEMARCHE
TO GDR EVEN BEFORE FORMAL OPENING OF EMBASSIES. WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON LINE TO BE TAKEN WITH AMERICAN
CITIZEN FIANCES WHO ARE COMING TO US FOR INFORMATION.
END SUMMARY.

2. MISSION HAS HEARD NOTHING MORE FROM ROBERT CHASE,
WHO PRESENTLY RESIDING IN ENGLAND, SINCE HE INFORMED US
EARLY SEPTEMBER THAT HIS FIANCEE AND CHILD HAD RECEIVED
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INDICATION THEY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE GDR (REFTEL).

WE HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN CONTACTED BY SEVERAL OTHER OF THE
AMCIT FIANCES LISTED IN MISSION'S AND DEPT'S FILES, AS
WELL AS BY ONE NEW CASE.

3. BOTH JAMES CARARRA AND LEONARD LOTT INQUIRED WHETHER
MISSION HAS ANY NEW INFORMATION OR ADVICE SINCE ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GDR.

4. ALVIN ULLRICH, WHOM MISSION HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT
LAST SUMMER AND WHOSE CASE CONSEQUENTLY WAS NOT INCLUDED
ON LIST OF HUMANITARIAN CASES GIVEN TO GDR NEGOTIATORS BY
DEPARTMENT ON JULY 30, CALLED ON MISSION TO ADVISE THAT HE
HAD BEEN IN US AND HAD NOT RECEIVED LETTER TO CONTACT MISSION
UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER. HE TOLD CONOFF THAT HE HAS FILED
PAPERS WITH GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDING A RESIDENCE
PERMIT, AS WELL AS MARRIAGE PAPERS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN
SENFTENBERG. HE WAS TOLD BY GDR AUTHORITIES THAT COMPLETION
OF MARRIAGE FORMALITIES DEPENDS UPON ACCEPTANCE AND ISSUANCE
OF RESIDENCE PERMIT.

5. MRS. HANNELORE TROMBEREND, SISTER OF AMCIT REINHARD
EHLERT (PARA 3B, BERLIN 1142), PHONED CONOFF TO ADVISE THAT
APPLICATION FOR FIANCEE, GABRIELLE FUNK, HAD BEEN COMPLETELY
REJECTED BY GDR AUTHORITIES. EHLERT, WHO IS EXPECTED RETURN
U.S. NEXT MONTH, WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT RE HIS CASE.

6. NEW CASE CONCERNS AMCIT MANFRED R. JUNG (RESIDING
SUDETENRING 33, 6242 KRONBERG 2, (FRG) WHOSE FIANCEE IS
MISS HELGARD LEOPOLD, NEE DAUTH, BORN OCTOBER 28, 1946
(BIRTHPLACE UNAVAILABLE AT PRESENT). RESIDING
AT STRASSE DES 18. OKTOBER 13, 701 LEIPZIG. JUNG HAS
KNOWN HIS FIANCEE FOR 2 YEARS. JUNG HAD RECENTLY CONTACTED
ATTORNEY DR. JUERGEN STAGE, WHO ADVISED HIM TO COMMUNICATE
WITH MISSION AS IT ONLY SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE.

7. IN LIGHT OF DR. STANGE'S EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA, CONOFF
CALLED ON HIM OCTOBER 11 TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS RE US FIANCEE AND
HUMANITARIAN CASES. STANGE, WELL-KNOWN WEST BERLIN ATTORNEY
SPECIALIZING IN HUMANITARIAN CASES INVOLVING GDR AND
REPRESENTING FRG AND BERLIN SENAT IN SUCH MATTERS
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FOR MANY YEARS, HAS BEEN ASSISTING SEVERAL OF US
FIANCES KNOW TO MISSION AND DEPARTMENT.

8. STANGE REITERATED HIS VIEW GIVEN TO CONOFF PAST JULY
(BERLIN 1168) THAT USG SHOULD PUSH GDR AS HARD AND
CONTINUALLY AS POSSIBLE IF IT WISHES TO SEE PROBLEM OF
FIANCEE AND HUMANITARIAN CASES RESOLVED. STANGE FEELS
THAT OTHER COUNTRIES' LACK OF SUCCESS WITH THEIR

HUMANITARIAN CASES RESULTS FROM FAILURE TO HAVE MENTIONED
ISSUE DURING NEGOTIATIONS OVER ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS AND FROM FAILURE TO CONTINUE HEAVILY PRESSING
GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY THEREAFTER.

9. CONOFF QUERIED STANGE AS TO WHAT HE THOUGHT AMCIT
FIANCES SHOULD NOW DO TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO MARRY AND
EXIT PERMITS: FILE PAPERS WITH APPROPRIATE GDR AUTHORITIES
AS SOME HAVE DONE: WORK THROUGH ATTORNEY AND/OR RELIGIOUS
CHANNELS: ETC. STANGE REPLIED THAT ATTORNEY CHANNEL IS CLOSED
AND THAT HE STRONGLY DOUBTS WHETHER DIRECT APPLICATION TO
FONMIN BY INDIVIDUALS WOULD MEET WITH SUCCESS. IT WAS FOR
THIS REASON THAT STANGE HAD RECENTLY REFERRED JUNG TO
MISSION. STANGE BELIEVES THAT ONLY HOPE FOR SUCCESS IN
HUMANITARIAN CASES LIES WITH USG.

10 COMMENT: GEYER OF GDR FONMIN INFORMED DEPARTMENT
OFFICER SEPT 6 THAT US LIST HAD BEEN REFERRED TO "RESPONSIBLE
AUTHORITIES." NOTWITHSTANDING INDICATIONS OF POSITIVE MOVEMENT
IN SOME CASES, PARTICULARLY THAT OF ROBERT CHASE (REFTEL), NONE
OF FIANCEE OR HUMANITARIAN CASES KNOWN TO MISSION HAS BEEN
RESOLVED. (ONLY EXCEPTION IS WIFE OF DEAN REED, AMERICAN
ENTERTAINER RESIDENT IN GDR, WHO RECENTLY APPLIED FOR VISA
TO VISIT US, SEE BERLIN 1702). THIS, COMBINED WITH
RESPECTED OPINIONS OF STANGE, LEAD TO CONCLUSION THAT NOTHING
IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN UNLESS USG TAKES EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND
GDR THAT WE ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO RESOLUTION
HUMANITARIAN CASES. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT SUCH AN APPROACH
BE CONSIDERED EVEN BEFORE EMBASSY IS FORMALLY OPENED. KLEIN

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